WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Constitution of a new Delimitation Commission

* SHRI KAHNU CHARAN LENKA: SHRI JAGADISH JANI

WiH the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 1675 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 24th May, 1990 and state:

(a) whether Government hav$_e$ since taken a decision on the constitution of a new Delimitation Commission;

(b) if so, what are the details there-of; and

(c) rf the answer to part (a) above be in the negative, what are the reasons for the delay i$_n$ this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI DINESH GOSWAMI): (a) to (c) The Government have already introduced The Constitution (Seventy-First Amendment) Bill, 1990 for amendment of the Constitutional provisions to facilitate delimitation of constituencies on the basis of the 1981 Census. The question ei constitution of a Delimitation Commission will arise only after the aforesaid amendment Bill gets passed and enforced.

Laying of budgetary deficit ami financial "statement before Parliament

*105. SHRI KAPIL VERMA;
. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether he had promised to place th$_e$ budgetary deficit and linancial state-, ment before Parliament every foui months, if so, by when the same is likely to be placed; and

(b) wtat is the deficitisttrprus as on the 3lit July, 1990 and what was the deficitjsurplus estimated in the Budget upto this period?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b) Government will present to Parliament a four monthly review of actual budgetary developments and performance-in relation to budget estimate for 1990-91. The first review for the period ending 31st July will be presented to Parliament in the current session. This review will also include the figures of deficit as on 31st July, 1990.

Execution of major irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh

*106. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what progress has been made so far in the completion of major irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) what is the number of major ongoing irrigation projects in Andhra Pradesh which are expected to be completed by 1992; and

(c) what is the total hectarage of additional land in Andhra Pradesh likely to be brought under irrigation on the completion of these projects, ' project-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI MANUBHAI KOTADIA): (a) About 64 per cent of irrigation potential has been created on eight ongoing major irrigation projects.

(b) Vamsdhara Stage-I Project-

(c) A statement is laid on the Tabk of the House,

Statement

Execution of Major Irrigation Projects in Andhra Pradesh

(Potential in thousand Hectares)

S. No.	Name of the Project	Potential created upto 6/90 (Anticipated)	Ultimate irrigation potential
1	Sriramsagar Project	267.16	651.00
2	Srisailam RBC		76.89
3	Nagarjunasagar	817.75	895.28
4	Somasila Project	3.22	44.24
5	Vamshdara Project Stage-I	15.92	20.14
6	Tu.05ab.bac.ra *BLC Stasc-tt*	46.80	89.66
7	Singur		16.00
8	Godavari Barrage	(This is only a Stabilisation Project)	
	TOTAL	1150.85	1793.21

Protection to handloom and cottage sectors of textile industry

107. SHRI SYED SIBTEY RAZI: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state what are the details *ol* the steps taken ->y Government to ensure protection to the handloom and cottage sectors of the textile industry to provide cheap cloth to the poor and also tot safeguard the interests of cotton growers?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OP THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): The following steps have been and are being taken by Government to protect the handloom and cottage sectors of the textile industry:

(i) Government is implementing a number of schemes for the development of handloom sector and welfare of handloom weavers, including centrally sponsored schemes.

(ii) The Hank Yarn Obligation on spinning mills, which is a measure to ensure supply of hank yarn *to* handloom weavers has been made more stringent.

(iii) The National Handloom Development Corporation, has increased its operations for supply of yarn and raw materials.

(iv) Twenty-two items are reserved' for exclusive production on handlooms under tha Handlooms (Reservation of Articles for Production) Act, 1985. Government is introducing a Legislation in the current session of the Parliament to include the Act in the LX Schedule of the Constitution.

(v) A number of fiscal concessions are also extended to the handloom sector in order to reduce the cost disadvantages suffered by the handloom sector *vis-a-vis* the powerlooms and the mill sectors.

(vi) A Committee of Handlooms Ministers has been set up for the purpose of suggesting a long term national hank yarn production, pricing and distribution policy and to advise on setting up of effective mechanism in all States and at the national level to give effect to such policy.